

Notice of Allowability

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10/669,814

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on July 15, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-6 and 8-15.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
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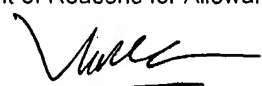
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date July 28, 2005.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This Office Action is responsive to the applicants' amendment filed on July 15, 2005.

Claims 1 and 8-10 have been amended. Claims 2, 7, 16 and 17 have been canceled.

Overall, claims 1, 3-6 and 8-15 are pending in this application.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Timothy E. Nauman (Reg. No. 32,283) on July 27, 2005. During telephone conversation with Mr. Nauman, an agreement was reached to amend Claims 1 and 3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 1: (Currently Amended)

-- A variable displacement vane pump [,] comprising;
a housing having an inlet and an outlet communicating with a pump chamber formed in the housing;
a rotor rotably received within the housing, the rotor having at least one generally radially extending slot; and
a vane assembly pivotally received in each slot wherein each vane assembly includes a rocker member having a rounded surface region pivotally mounted within the slot of the rotor and a roller member supported by the rocker member. --

Claim 3: (Currently Amended)

-- The variable displacement vane pump of claim 1 ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the roller member is received by and mounted for rotation relative to the rocker member. --

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-15 are allowed.


Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa Trieu whose telephone number is 571-272-4868. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on 571-272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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